



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

TESTIMONY PRESENTED BEFORE THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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Senate Bill 384 - An Act Promoting Regionalism In The State

The Department of Public Health supports Senate Bill 384.

The Department of Public Health supports regional solutions to public drinking water supply issues, and the development of regional public drinking water supply sources. It is suggested that DPH be consulted by OPM when a plan is submitted that contains issues of regional public drinking water supply. DPH strongly supports this bill, and offers our participation in the program that it creates in the interest of protecting public health through the coordination of regional public drinking water supply.

DPH oversees the implementation of the Water Utility Coordinating Committee process pursuant to Connecticut General Statute (CGS) Section 25-33(c) through (j), which coordinates the planning of regional water supply. DPH is also the lead agency for the review of Water Supply Plans pursuant to (CGS) Section 25-32d. The above existing water supply plans identify potential solutions to regional public drinking water supply issues and could be utilized to assist in the provisions of this bill that deal with public drinking water.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.

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